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Annual Meeting

The 87th annual meeting of the Conference has come and gone. Each year there are many who declare "This is the best ever." Seldom have we had as many outside speakers of distinction. For two years we have looked forward to having Ronald Bridges and we were not disappointed. His address at the men's dinner, which was also listened to by a good many women in the gallery, aroused such interest that when he spoke again on Thursday afternoon the Conference attendance was at a maximum. Wholesome, pungent, sincere, effective, and yet simple, are the adjectives one thinks of in trying to describe his messages.

The situation faced by our friends in England was made vivid by Rev. Russell J. Clinchy. Dr. John Scottford's program for Advance, his discussion of the merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and his challenge for positive action by the churches were original and persuasive. The race problem was presented dispassionately and scholarly by Prof. Charles S. Johnson.

The chaplain, Rev. John H. Gregg, led in worship services that were not only worshipful but stimulating to action. Prof. James Muilenburg, who preached the Conference sermon on less than two days' notice, led us to see how truly we are a part of the great stream of tradition, reaching back not only through New Testament but Old Testament days.

Space forbids more than a mention of the panel on "Congregationalism," the devotional talk by Rev. Pierson Parker, the evangelistic address by Mr. Peirce Coombes, the addresses by Rev. Alfred F. Schroeder of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Mr. R. B. Cozzens on Japanese relocation, Dr. Blanche Carrier on the weekday school of religion, Rev. John N. Sauer and Rev. F. W. Gross about our German churches, and the programs at the various luncheons and dinners.

Supt. Nelson C. Dreier of Southern California contributed much to the program on three different occasions. Rev. T. T. Giffen of Martinez gave a summary address showing that the one word running through the whole program was "partnership."

More than 400 registrations were paid for, and the impression of most delegates was that the attendance had been more constant. Mr. George B. Martin was a masterly moderator. Rev. Gordon Foster and Mr. Herbert Dimock served efficiently as scribes. Rev. Robert Inglis could be seen in every part of the immense Plymouth edifice almost simultaneously, as he looked after and anticipated the needs of the Conference.

The women of the Plymouth Church accomplished in an unbelievably efficient manner the monumental task of serving five meals to the whole Conference and arranging for the housing of those needing it.

The resolutions adopted by the Conference and the slate of officers appear in other columns.

In the business sessions, in addition to the items mentioned, it was voted that a committee to study the need of and to keep in touch with pre-theological students be set up; and that the Conference become a constituent member of the Northern California Council of Churches. Several amendments to the By-Laws were adopted having to do with matters of organization. The scale of apportionment

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BE IT RESOLVED

The annual meeting of the Conference entrusted to Rev. E. W. Benedict of Pittsburgh, Mrs. LaVeta Byerrum of Benicia, and Rev. A. R. Boone of Lodi the task of formulating and bringing forward resolutions. Among the recommendations of the committee which were heartily approved by the Conference was the appreciation to Plymouth Church and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Inglis for the hospitality and arrangements made for the comfort of the delegates and the success of the sessions, and for the music, which added grace and beauty.

Heartily endorsement was given to the new program for weekday religious instruction and to the Post-War Rehabilitation program of the Pacific School of Religion. The Religious Education Committee of the Conference was commended for its helpful suggestions and display of materials. And an urgent request was made for the printing of the address to the laymen by Mr. Ronald Bridges.

Formal resolutions adopted by the Conference are as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Conference go on record as favoring and urging Congress to remove the Chinese exclusion act and put these our allies on the same basis of immigration as other nations.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Conference urges upon every one of our churches two further emphases: (1) That our pastors and churches make the matter of church membership more deeply significant by thorough instruction and preparation, by more careful and impressive reception into the church, and by gearing the new members more certainly into the work and life of the church; (2) That we place the challenge before our churches, perhaps through the Social Action Committee, to endeavor more earnestly to bridge the gap between our professed Christianity and the actions and attitudes toward minority groups within America that belie the aims for which we are pouring out the life blood of the world.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Conference extends its affectionate greeting to the thousands of young men and women of our churches who are in the armed services of our country. We pray God's blessing upon them, protecting them from all danger, both of body and spirit. May

they and we be worthy of the victory we seek.

THIS CONFERENCE REJECTS AS UNCHRISTIAN any prejudice, penalty, or punishment directed against any minority group merely on account of race, nationality, or creed. THEREFORE, WE CONDEMN UNHESITATINGLY ALL PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND ALL SUGGESTED PRESSURE that would deprive American Citizens of Japanese ancestry of their birthright, and assess against law-abiding, friendly Japanese alien residents an undeserved condemnation. We call for the trial and deportation of all resident Japanese aliens against whom subversive charges can be proved. We call for the trial and conviction of all citizens, whether of Japanese ancestry or not, who have been guilty of sedition or treason. We recognize that it would be inadvisable for American Japanese, even of proved loyalty, to return to the Pacific Coast during the war; but we denounce agitation that seeks to prohibit the full enjoyment of their rights during peace time to American citizens and law-abiding aliens whose record of patriotism and loyalty is clearly established.

THIS CONFERENCE, SINCERELY BELIEVING IN CHURCH UNION, has heard with great satisfaction of the understanding reached by the Joint Committee on Church Union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches. The merger proposed by it has our sympathetic interest; but the Basis of Union requires more study and discussion by our churches and this Conference before unequivocal approval can be voted. WE THEREFORE MEMORIALIZE the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches to await final action on the Basis of Union until Conferences, Associations, and Churches have given earnest and prayerful consideration to the subject and are able to send delegates more adequately prepared to vote on this important matter. IN PARTICULAR, this Conference suggests that such a union, when consummated, should be called "The United Churches of America" until, by the adhesion of more groups, which we devoutly hope will take place, the name, "The United Church of America," may be appropriately assumed.

100,000 NEW GIVERS NEEDED

100,000 new givers! What a lift that would be in the support of our churches and their benevolent organizations. The Missions Council has pointed out what all experienced churchmen already know, that a sizable proportion of the members of the church give little or nothing at all for the support of the church, and even more omit any contribution to missions, either home or foreign.

A further fact is that a number of potential givers are never reached in any Every Member Canvass, because the canvassers cease their work before it is finished.

Pastors, boards of trustees, and finance committees are responding to the call of the Missions Council in a more determined effort to reach every last member of every church with the information about our total program, and the urgent request for everyone to do his or her part. It estimated that there are 100,000 new givers that can be persuaded to join the

ranks of the old faithful.

There are one million of us. This means an increase of pledges or cash gifts to the Every Member Canvass equal to at least one-tenth of the membership. If the church membership is 50, it means at least five new givers; if it is 300, 30 new givers, etc.

There are hundreds of young people now making good money who have never before pledged. There are folk who see more clearly than ever before the place which the church will have in the undergirding of a permanent peace. There are people whose incomes were once very meager and are now able to share. There are those who will gladly take advantage of the provisions of the Income Tax law, allowing deductions for gifts to churches.

Careful study of the names of our church people and careful planning in reaching them will yield rewarding results.

100,000 new givers this year!

Election Results

Recognizing the fine leadership given to our youth, the Conference elected as moderator for the coming year Rev. Fred R. Morrow of Saratoga. The assistant moderator, will be Miss Mary Coxhead, who as a lay woman gives herself and her entire time to the work of her own church and the fellowship of churches. The preacher for the 1944 session will be Rev. Godfrey Matthews of Hayward, and his alternate Rev. Benjamin Kissler of the Free Cross Church of Fresno. Superintendent Gill was elected registrar and also fraternal delegate to Southern California.

Visitors to Pacific School of Religion will be Rev. Ralph Conard, Rev. Byron Eshelman, and Rev. J. H. McCartney.

Upon accepting membership in the Northern California Council of Churches, Rev. S. C. Peabody, Rev. A. C. McGiffert, Jr., Rev. Robert W. Inglis, Rev. Jason N. Pierce, and Rev. Augustine Jones were elected as our representatives.

The Committee on Ministerial Standing for the coming year, including hold-over members as well as those newly elected, will be

Class of 1944: Rev. S. C. Peabody, Rev. Torrance Phelps, Rev. Gordon L. Foster.

Class of 1945: Rev. H. J. Loken, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. Godfrey Matthews.

Class of 1946: Rev. Arthur L. Rice, Rev. Pierson Parker, Rev. A. C. McGiffert, Jr., Rev. E. T. Sherman.

The Board of Directors, who will have in charge the business of the Conference for the year 1943-44, will have 21 members, some of them elected at the Conference and others holding over, as follows:

1944: *Rev. Pierson Parker, *Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, *Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Mrs. Torrance Phelps, *Mrs. Scott Haymond, Mr. E. B. Kientz, Rev. Tom Watt.

1945: *Rev. T. T. Giffen, Mr. George B. Martin, *Rev. Vere V. Loper, Mr. Harold Avery, Major A. J. Watson, *Rev. John H. Gregg, Mrs. E. W. Benedict.

1946: *Mr. George W. Moore, Jr., *Rev. Augustine Jones, Rev. Benjamin Kissler, *Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. A. C. Hacke, Mr. Peirce Coombes, *Mrs. R. A. Fuller.

At the first meeting of the Board Augustine Jones was elected president; Mrs. Scott Haymond, vicepresident; Harley H. Gill, secretary; W. Wallace Furze, treasurer; C. S. Morse, assistant treasurer; and George E. Oefinger, auditor. The Executive Committee will consist of the president and the vice-president and the names in the paragraph above preceded by an asterisk (*).

On motion of the Nominating Committee, it was voted that the delegates at large to the General Council be named by the Board of Directors after information is available as to the persons elected by the units and associations.

SUPERINTENDENT IN EAST

Superintendent Gill left on October 31 to attend the annual meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, of which he is a vice-president, and also the plenary session of the Prudential Committee of the Board. The annual meeting will be held in Cambridge and that of the Prudential Committee in Boston. While in the east he will have the opportunity to visit briefly his son, Clayton, who is pastor at Gloucester, Mass. and his son, Sumner, who is pastor at Tilton, N. H.

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REV. S. U. NORTH HERE

Rev. Stanley U. North, secretary of the Urban Department of the Board of Home Missions, is making a hurried inspection of our projects in industrial areas in Northern California. Dr. North, in connection with his other duties, serves as the executive for the committee that disburses the funds of the Committee for Assistance to War Victims and Services devoted to religious work in defense areas. Appropriations are now being made for inter-denominational projects in Marin City, Richmond, Alameda, and Vallejo, also for a ministry to service men in San Francisco and Sacramento. Dr. North will see what is being done in all of these projects, and then will also visit the South Berkeley Community Church, the Pacific School of Religion, and will have conferences about other opportunities and responsibilities which are before us.

CONGREGATIONAL HISTORY

"Congregationalism's Place in California History," a 60-page book by Rev. W. W. Ferrier, D. D., was published in time for display at the State Conference. Dr. Ferrier can be said to be one of California's foremost historians. He has written a history of the City of Berkeley, of the University of California, of education in California, and of the First Congregational Church of Berkeley. He has had under preparation for a number of years a manuscript entitled "Congregationalism in California," which has not yet been published, but which will be deposited in the Bancroft Library at the University, and at Pacific School of Religion.

However, the booklet just published contains a great amount of valuable historical material. He tells of the foundation of the early churches, the establishment and early history of The Pacific, of the College of California and how it became the State University, and he gives an account of the formation of the Pacific Theological Seminary. The book clearly shows the relationship between Congregationalism and "New School Presbyterians" in the early days of California, and the part which the American Home Missionary Society had in the developing of our work.

Every minister, and a good many lay people will want to own a copy. The material might well be used for a series of studies in church groups, and a copy should be in every church and town library. It is published at the very modest price of twenty-five cents per copy. Orders may be placed directly with the publisher, Rev. W. W. Ferrier, 2716 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley 5. It wouldn't be a bad idea to add 3 cents for postage.

STOCKTON. During the month of October, Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, conducted a series of Sunday evening discussions of current books. Titles included "God is My Co-Pilot" by Scott, "The Human Comedy" by Saroyan, "Under Cover" by Carlson, "U. S. Foreign Policy" by Lippman, and "The Apostle" by Sholem Asch.

'43 Forges Forward

The columns below tell the story to date. Many of our churches have shown real gains in their benevolence giving. With the end of the apportionment year just two months off, we will all need to make every effort to hold this gain and to make a substantial addition to it. The whole nation is sacrificing to buy war bonds; will we not sacrifice more to strengthen the bonds of goodwill between the peoples of the world?

Church	Oct. 1943	Jan. 11 to Oct. 31, '43	Jan. 11 to Oct. 31, '42
Adin	\$	\$ 6.47	\$ 17.12
Alameda	92.00	617.82	430.29
Alturas	7.13	84.66	36.58
Angels Camp	37.50	112.50	115.00
Antioch		24.43	50.18
Auburn	10.00	100.00	113.07
Benicia	15.00	56.61	30.00
Berkeley, First	368.83	4,159.87	4,179.73
Kensington		20.00	20.00
North	51.20	442.01	392.55
Park		171.24	47.80
Campbell	87.50	245.00	144.00
Cedarville	25.00	75.00	65.00
Cloverdale		63.12	49.20
Cotati	18.43	63.38	86.65
Crockett		77.81	93.04
Dinuba		.88	
Etna			5.32
Eureka	134.45	378.97	304.90
Fairfax		30.75	15.00
Ferndale		320.88	307.89
Fresno, First	250.00	1,165.33	639.32
Japanese			35.00
Pilgrim		200.00	68.08
Zion			75.00
Glen Ellen	24.60	54.60	
Guerneville		15.00	
Hayward		200.00	200.00
Kenwood		22.25	18.95
Likely		29.04	
Lodi, Ebenezer		18.27	
First		1,228.25	910.00
Loleta		28.73	
Leomis		43.67	30.71
Martinez	18.66	338.87	330.50
Murphys		81.00	81.00
Oakland, First	440.00	4,460.00	4,525.00
Fruitvale	15.00	45.00	45.00
Japanese			10.00
Pilgrim		21.00	36.17
Plymouth	82.74	885.70	718.05
Oroville		191.29	50.00
Pacific Grove	38.40	264.88	135.49
Palo Alto	350.00	950.00	1,003.85
Paradise	25.00	257.70	200.00
Parlier		10.00	10.00
Penn Grove	18.57	40.82	48.40
Pescadero			5.00
Petaluma	132.46	534.49	520.67
Pittsburg	9.95	129.15	124.66
Port Chicago	2.70	11.42	8.12
Porterville	110.00	400.00	160.00
Redwood City		565.67	728.61
Rio Vista		14.00	
Ripon	38.33	172.45	165.36
Sacramento	73.33	665.30	633.14
Salida	30.00	90.00	70.00
San Francisco	22.41	101.31	76.40
Bethany Msn. Pk.	80.00	216.92	174.83
First	102.69	1,119.37	1,104.09
Ocean View		82.00	65.00
Richmond	5.00	140.00	75.00
San Jose	100.00	615.00	540.20
San Leandro	16.80	93.54	54.06
San Mateo	98.36	784.17	595.72
San Rafael		40.00	40.00
Santa Cruz		400.00	510.00
Santa Rosa	14.50	127.50	129.25
Saratoga		448.13	445.90
Sebastopol		151.31	122.27
Sonoma		107.24	116.02
Soquel	25.00	89.10	75.00
Stockton	55.74	490.09	427.17
Suisun	25.00	75.00	85.00
Sunnyvale		52.00	37.50
Tulare	151.77	411.00	308.50
Weaverville	20.00	100.00	122.00
Woodside		26.00	30.00
Reno, Nevada	39.10	391.61	310.41
Miscellaneous and Individual	60.00	1,004.64	1,505.16
	\$3,323.15	\$27,251.21	\$25,040.88

"To Stem This Tide," a new book by Charles S. Johnson has just come from the Pilgrim Press, the publisher. It is exceedingly timely in Northern California because of Dr. Johnson's presence on the program of the state Conference and the month of survey work which he is doing in San Francisco. It is a survey of racial tension areas in the United States and based on a series of case studies, which show the unjust and discriminating practices in industry, rural life, politics, and military service. It can be had for 50c in paper binding, and may be ordered through the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

P. F. PROJECTS

Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship Young People have been steadily gaining in their support of their missionary projects. They have not yet reached their goal of \$600, but are well on the way. Their gifts are divided between state, national, and foreign work by the same percentages as are used in the regular apportionment distribution. This year their gifts for foreign missions go toward the support of the National Christian Council of China and to help meet the need of religious work among the fifty million refugees who have made the great trek from the occupied portions of China toward the west. The national home missionary project is Pleasant Hill Academy of Tennessee, which has done and is doing such a worthwhile work among the young people of the southern highlands where public school education is neglected. The Conference projects are the same as those of the last year or two, the young people themselves choosing whether or not their money goes for Plymouth House at the University of California, or for Calaveras County work under the leadership of Rev. John G. Dickey. Tentative subscriptions were made at the young people's conferences this summer by some of the Pilgrim Fellowship groups, but all groups will want to share, and their gifts should reach the Conference office before March 31.

Pilgrim Fellowship Cabinet has decided that for its own expense each group should be asked to contribute \$4.00. This is not to be confused with the projects. This four-dollar annual gift from the local group takes the place of the penny-a-meeting fund, the charter fund, and the subscriptions to the Pilgrim Fellowship paper, "Light." Instead of mailing "Light" to each subscriber, bundles will go to the local church for distribution. One dollar out of each four dollars goes for the expenses of the officers of the area from which the gift comes. Miss Edith Clark, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco, is the Pilgrim Fellowship treasurer and should receive these \$4.00 contributions.

REDWOOD RALLY

Redwood Empire Pilgrim Fellowship met in Santa Rosa October 17, for a "work rally." The afternoon session was divided into several groups: speaking choir, singing choir, pantomime group, and a special section for individual parts. The result of their efforts, combined, was given to the folk of the Santa Rosa Church in the form of a dramatic missionary presentation, "If We Will." The new officers who were elected at the business session were installed in office by Conference President, Mary Elizabeth Said, at a beautiful candlelit service. They were: President Bud Clark of Santa Rosa, Vice President Lee Irwin of Mill Valley, Secretary Treasurer Martha Parker of Cotati, and Adult Adviser Rev. G. A. Casaday of Mill Valley.

REPORT TO MORROW

In response to inquiries made by our coordinator of young people's work, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, 43 reports have been received from as many churches, telling of their young people's activities and listing names and addresses of officers. These will be of great help, and will aid in the sending of issues of "Light" to the various groups. "Pacific" is sure there are more than 43 churches in our Conference who have active groups. Will they cooperate by communicating with Rev. Fred R. Morrow at Saratoga, California?

AUBURN. Rev. Lucius F. Reed, the pastor, writes that congregations are increasing, and that more men are in attendance. A new choir sang for the first time on October 31.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Plymouth House young people have been stimulated by a series of great questions at their Sunday evening meetings, the first, a panel discussion on "What Is My Church Doing about Race Prejudices?" The three others were "What Is Religion?" "What Is Sin? Am I a Sinner?" and "What Is the Church? Is This a Real One?" Rev. David Stowe, the Director, has been leading a series of midweek supper discussion meetings centering on Fosdick's "A Guide to Understanding the Bible." The Plymouth House President, Gloria Sproul, has been selected as a member of the board to plan the annual Student Christian Movement Conference at Asilomar.

WOODWARD VISITS

During the days that this issue of The Pacific is being edited and mailed some Northern California churches are having the privilege of hearing Rev. Frank J. Woodward, who for thirty-five years has been our missionary in the Philippine Islands. Two weeks of his time are being used before he goes on to Southern California, in the following churches: Pacific Grove; Campbell; Antioch; Plymouth Church, Oakland; Broadmoor Church, San Leandro; San Rafael; Ferndale and Loleta; Eureka; Hayward; Pittsburg; Pilgrim Armenian Church, Free Cross Church, and Zion Church, Fresno; and Tulare.

SARATOGA. The Women's Auxiliary held a Peasant Fair on October 19, under the general chairmanship of Mrs. J. T. Richards, earning a fine sum to be contributed to the organization's budget and to help the church "to be debt-free in '43." At the annual fellowship dinner to be held November 10 the speaker will be Rev. Robert L. James, Jr., new executive secretary of the College Religious Conference, San Jose State College.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Ten persons were received into membership on the first Sunday of October. A feature which has been followed this season has been a concert on Sunday afternoons, recently presenting the Camp Ashby Military Police Singers, and on two occasions the Schola Cantorum Ladies Trio. Rev. Jason N. Pierce is the pastor.

TULARE. On the theme "We Who Are America," the Sunday School presented an interesting and inspiring pageant, after which parents and teachers met in an informal social hour. On six successive Sunday evenings a discussion group on post-war problems is being held, sponsored by a joint committee of the Methodist and Congregational churches. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Laymen took over the service at Murphys on October 31, and at Angels Camp the following Sunday. Rev. John G. Dickey, the pastor, reports that the J. O. Y. Club (Pilgrim Fellowship youth) served as his assistants on World Communion Sunday. He also reports two well attended services at White Pines during the month.

FAIRFAX. Week-day sessions of the Church School on released time from public school, began October 5, with 71 children registered. Later reports indicate a steady increase in enrollment. Two fine teachers were secured to instruct for two hours each week. Rev. W. W. Meyer is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. Rev. V. B. Amirkhanian, the pastor, exchanged pulpits one Sunday in October with Rev. M. M. Aijian of the Oakland Bethany Church. New Testaments have been distributed recently to families attending church services.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SACRAMENTO. A class of twelve young people united with the Pioneer Church on October 24, at an impressive service. The young people wore white robes, and as the service of reception began, were led to the altar by two acolytes bearing candles and another bearing the church flag. The candidates for membership knelt before the candle-light altar and made an affirmation of the "creed for youth" and a pledge of self-dedication. After a prayer of consecration by the pastor, Rev. Torrance Phelps, the newly-made members took their places in their pews. The new young people's chapel was dedicated the first Sunday in October. Two new features have been added to the church program: A Sunday night forum on post-war problems, and a Thursday night gathering reviewing great religious books. The church has definitely undertaken a campaign to clear off the last remaining indebtedness on the building.

PETALUMA. A church dinner and service of welcome were held on October 6, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Edward F. Ouellette, who began their work early in September. Mr. Ouellette comes to Petaluma from The Dalles, Oregon. He is a graduate of Chicago Theological Seminary. He taught for a time in Turkey, then assisted J. H. Oldham in setting up the Oxford Conference and was present at the Oxford, Edinburgh, and Amsterdam conferences. He has written several study courses for young people. While in Oregon he served as director of the young people's summer institutes. Mr. and Mrs. Ouellette will bring splendid leadership to Petaluma and to Northern California.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The evening radio service offered interesting programs during October, among them an address on "Inca Civilization in the 20th Century," by Rev. Merle Davis of the Earl Foundation, a War Chest Program with six speakers and the Camp Ashby Chorus, an address by Dr. Blanche Carrier on Week-day Religious Education, and a PostWar Program by the Pacific School of Religion, these in addition to an address by Rev. Vere V. Loper, the pastor. Dr. Loper is a member of the team of speakers of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and will address some 23 audiences in the week beginning October 31.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. The Rev. Byron E. Eshelman took up his pastoral duties early in October, and already a full program of activities has been outlined, many of them to begin in November. Oakland and Alameda sister churches are cooperating to put on a community visitation. Exterior of the church will be painted by volunteer labor. Seven Sunday school teachers have been enlisted, and the school will open November 14, and a young people's group will organize that evening.

RIO VISTA. A letter has been sent to families of men and women in the nation's service, inviting them to a fellowship hour when they may become acquainted, plan to contact their people in the Service by letter and other tokens of appreciation, and to hear Chaplain Cecil E. Harvey of the Air Transport Command and Sergeant Reynolds, one of the companions of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker rescued after 21 days on the Pacific Ocean. Rev. E. T. Sherman is pastor.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. World Communion Day was observed, Rev. J. H. McCartney, using as his sermon topic, "A World Religion." Ten new members were accepted into the church.

FRESNO, FIRST. The women's organization has arranged a series of monthly luncheon programs on the general theme, "One World." More than 100 women attended the October session which featured China and presented eight local Chinese Christian women in costume, who gave five-minute talks on various phases of Chinese life. The November Thank Offering meeting will feature Africa. The church has recently installed two attractive signs, set in the church lawn, on the two major thoroughfares which front the church property. Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, has recently been elected vice-president of the Fresno County Chapter of the American Red Cross. He was the speaker at the Tulare County and Fresno Teachers' Institutes and has given addresses before ten other club and service organizations within the last month.

REDWOOD CITY. Four men attended the laymen's dinner at the state Conference, and on the following Sunday Chairman Peirce Coombes repeated at the church the address he had given at the Conference. The activities of women's organizations have been curtailed by war work of individual members, but it is hoped to have a series of pot-luck dinners. The Every Member Canvass will be made on December 5. Warm thanks have been received from the "adopted Chaplain" for books, music, and a typewriter. The Pilgrim Fellowship has been reconstituted with the necessarily younger personnel available, and is registering a good attendance and interest. Rev. Charles E. Ward is the pastor.

GLEN ELLEN. A successful bazaar was held by the ladies of the church, netting more than \$120, and on a recent Sunday at a fellowship dinner after the morning service it was decided that the church "be and become the center of social and spiritual life in Glen Ellen." A Bible class, a Sunday School Mothers' Club, and an adult choir have been organized, and plans are under way for an Old Timers' Day at the church. The pastor, Rev. C. C. Champlin, writes that attendances are keeping up well and that new families are moving in within walking distance of the church.

WEAVERVILLE. The 50th anniversary of the reorganization of Trinity Church was celebrated on October 15. About 200 were in attendance at the dinner and program, one of the charter members being present. A history of the church, which had been prepared by Mrs. Miriam Horner, the clerk, was read. On the following Sunday the whole service was centered about the anniversary occasion, the pastor, Rev. P. N. Bennett, using as his sermon subject, "Our Church."

LODI, FIRST. In two meetings, one for ministers and delegates and one for the general public, Dr. Blanche Carrier inspired her hearers with accounts of the influence and significance of week-day Christian education. General community, inter-faith, and Protestant committees were organized, with Rev. A. R. Boone as president. Fifty-two young men of the church are now in their country's service. Winston Boone, eldest son of the pastor, will soon go.

EUREKA. New Sunday School rooms have been completed and are already in use. A "Song and Sandwich" period immediately following the morning service, especially invited the Service men and their wives who were in attendance. Dr. Alma Locke Cooke was guest of the Plymouth Club just before she left on her way back to China. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is the pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. This church, which so royally entertained the annual conference meeting in October, reports that 77 persons were entertained in members' homes and that 1200 meals were served during the three days. Just preceding the conference, the church held a reception for former pastors. October 24 was Laymen's Sunday, with Plymouth laymen taking entire charge of the morning service. Rev. Robert Inglis, the pastor, reports that Miss Alice Sanderson has accepted the call to head up the religious education program and youth work of the church. Her title will be "Assistant to the Minister." Miss Sanderson comes to Plymouth from a similar position in the great Kingshighway Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, where she has done notable work.

SANTA ROSA. A fund has been raised for the purchase of new Pilgrim Hymnals. A lounge for service men and their wives is nearly completed. A Service Roll was recently hung which bears the names and mailing addresses of all young men from the church now in the armed services. This church is cooperating with the Methodist and Presbyterian churches in a Sunday evening program for service men. The Church School, which is showing real progress, has adopted a new procedure, called the "Children's Church," a dignified service of worship planned and conducted by the children. The Plymouth Club, the women's group, has purchased a pulpit gown for the pastor, Rev. Gordon L. Foster.

BERKELEY, NORTH. This church is proud of three newly organized groups: the Service Club, a social action group which plans to study and act on current problems such as housing, nursery care of children, and Red Cross needs, etc.; the Scrooby Club for junior high school young people; and the Beacon Club, made up of young women from the former high school group of that name. Circle 4 of the auxiliary held a White Elephant Auction in October, netting a substantial sum. Rev. Pierson Parker is pastor.

SOQUEL. Three new members were received on World Communion Sunday. A committee of parents is sponsoring Friday night programs for the young people, which include choir practice and social hours. A choir of twenty girls fills the new chancel. A children's chapel, part of the 75th Anniversary celebration, is near completion and plans are under way for its dedication. Rev. T. Davis Preston is pastor.

PORTERVILLE. November 7, 1943, was the occasion of the celebration of this church's 52nd anniversary. Following the morning service, a birthday dinner was served by Pilgrim Fellowship members, with the assistance of some of the mothers. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, the pastor, received seven new members into fellowship on World-wide Communion Sunday. The Service Roll now shows 71 names in the armed forces of the nation.

LOOMIS. On a recent Sunday, after church, two laymen took it upon themselves to speak to each family head who was present and in a comparatively short time had secured subscriptions to pay off the remaining debt on the building. Rev. E. P. Shier is pastor.

SALIDA. In a beautiful service a small Service Flag, having 24 stars, was dedicated on a recent Sunday, and in spite of the busy season the Rally Day program was well attended, both in the Sunday School and the church service. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is the pastor.

CAMPBELL. The newly organized Plymouth Youth Forum is proving highly successful, and the lectures, given every fortnight, are drawing not only the youth but many adults as well. Yugoslavia and the American Negro problem have been presented thus far, with future lectures devoted to Russia, Spain, and Austria. Rev. J. H. Bennett, the pastor, with the assistance of several able laymen, has organized a Senior Boys' Club to meet the need for athletic and social fellowship among a large group of boys recently settled in the district, and it is already proving itself worth while. Rev. Frank J. Woodward of the Philippines spent a full day with the people of Campbell, speaking in the high school as well as to the church group.

MARTINEZ. A very attractive folder containing a letter from the pastor, announcement of sermons and group activities, with an invitation to participate, has been sent out by Rev. T. T. Giffen. Among the interesting meetings announced was one of "The Church Builders," who will spend a half hour in song and prayer and then talk about building the church, its congregation and its membership. "Everyone should come who wants to live on future hopes rather than on past grievances, everyone who wants to put Christianity to work in building this church of Christ." Miss Alice English of San Francisco was the guest speaker at the Women's Thank Offering meeting on November 3.

SAN MATEO. A new service, the committee on the Christian Home and the Nursery Roll, has been started. It includes a cradle roll, a pre-kindergarten group on Sunday mornings, and a lending library for parents. The adult class is studying "The Presence of Jesus" by Weatherhead, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham. Miss Virginia Piper, former Conference Pilgrim Fellowship president, met with the older young people to aid in planning for their organization.

PALO ALTO. In addition to the fine service of the adult choir, a children's choir has been organized to assist from time to time. At the request of a number of members, a class in the study of other living religions has been formed, to meet at the home of the pastor, Rev. Augustine Jones. This fall they will study Buddhism, Confucianism, and Mohammedanism. In the spring the same class will make a study of the Gospel of St. John.

OAKLAND, FIRST. At the mid-week service, the pastor, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, is giving a series of talks on the general theme, "Points from the Parables." On October 24, in connection with the Laymen's Movement for a Christian World, three men of the church conducted each of the two morning services. October 31 was Red Letter Sunday in the Church School, at which time a Cathedral film, "No Greater Power," was shown.

SANTA CRUZ. Two members were received into the church during October. Leland Mahood, the pastor's son, has entered Chicago Theological Seminary to study for the ministry, doing religious educational work in connection with his studies.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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Next meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women will be held on Thursday, November 18, in the First Congregational Church, Oakland.

OUR THANK OFFERING PROJECTS

The women of the Federation had a real treat at their luncheon on the last day of the Conference Annual Meeting, Thursday, October 21. Perhaps never have we had a program which so completely met our needs for the days to come. All three of the Thank Offering projects which lie in our own land were brought before us by those best qualified to speak for them. The Means School for Girls in Africa was without a representative, except in our memories of Dr. Cushman's delightful talks with us earlier in the year. But Miss Alice English, head of the work for children and young people in the area served by Grace United Church in San Francisco, told of the need for our offerings there. Mr. Herbert Dimock, formerly a student worker at Arlington Fellowship House, and now full-time pastor of Arlington Community Church into which the Fellowship House has blossomed, told of the development of House and church. Dr. Nelson Dreier, Superintendent of the combined Conferences of Southern California and the Southwest, who had just returned from a visit to Grant's Hospital, gave us the latest news from there. As these addresses held so much of valuable information for our Thank Offering work, we shall report them in some detail.

Miss English gave us a vivid picture of her work and those among whom it lies. Every afternoon except Monday the children troop in from school for classes in music and art, for reading or gymnasium. Sunday, a young girl, herself a student, trains a choir of young people. There is a boys' choir which meets on Wednesday, and a Junior Choir which sings at the church service every fourth Sunday. Thursday sees the class in sculpture in full swing. This class is shortly to be at work modelling figures for the Manger Scene at Christmas time—work which, it seems, cannot fail to deepen in their minds the beauty of that Christmas story. Friday is the day of the Week-day Church School. The children first gather for a story-telling period, the stories carefully chosen for character-building. Then, quietly and reverently, they file into the chapel for a worship service, and the Junior Choir sings. After the worship service, the evening ends with the art class. All of beauty and uplift some of these children have comes from this work. Their houses are fire-traps; their playground is the street. There are the "railroad track" children, who must always shout to make themselves heard above the noise of constantly passing trains, and who cannot learn to modulate their voices in church. There are the ones who, if they wish warmth, must nearly suffocate with smoke, because their stove has no door. There are the two poor little sufferers from asthma who spend hours ripping sacks for the textile factory across the way and consequently filling their lungs with dust. There is the boy who is the despair of his teachers at school, but who has artistic ability and a good voice and settles down at once in the choir or the art class. Of two of these little waifs Miss English said: "In two years the expression on their faces has changed completely." Changed expressions: changed lives. That is what our Thank Offering gifts are helping to accomplish.

Mr. Dimock said that the work at Arlington Fellowship House did not at first sight have the appeal of that at Grace United Church. But if less spectacular, it is no less worth while. There is no other church in the area, and the well-to-do have soul needs and life problems as

vital to them as are the differing ones to the underprivileged. To these needs the Fellowship House and its successor, the Community Church, would minister. This work started in 1932 under the Rev. John Gregg, at that time a student in the Pacific School of Religion, as all later directors have been. The main activity was the Sunday School. For eight years the Fellowship House continued to serve the children and young people of the Kensington District, in increasingly varied lines of work, always with the thought in mind of the church that should some day come to be. Two tentative moves toward that end were made after those eight years, one a five o'clock Vesper service and one a Youth Church which developed from the Senior Sunday School class. Neither of these was wholly successful and the latter lasted only a short time. Then, said Mr. Dimock, "came Pearl Harbor." Those words, which have been cataclysmic in their connotation in so many fields, spelled, for Arlington Fellowship House, advancement. No longer was it on the edge of community interest. The place buzzed like a beehive, with First Aid Classes, Red Cross Units for surgical dressing, and other war efforts. Then in January of this year, the Conference decided to take the long-expected step and establish a church on the foundation the Fellowship House had laid. We of the Women's Federation adopted this youngest of our Northern California churches as our care, in place of the Trinity County project for which the Conference now provides. On October 14 the first step in the organization of the church was taken at a meeting at which seventeen signed the church covenant, decided on their name and chose as pastor, on full time, the one who has served them so well for the past three years as director, Mr. Herbert Dimock. In his words: "Kensington Park is enlisting in the service of Christ."

Dr. Dreier's news from Grant's Hospital was rather saddening, though it ended on a brighter note. As many of us knew, Dr. Cornelius had gone to practise in Albuquerque, and our nurse, Miss Horton, had been called to work for the army, leaving the little adobe building, which had meant so much to all the poor folk in those hundreds of square miles around Mt. Taylor, sitting idle in the sun. Dr. Dreier, in conjunction with Dr. O. A. Smith, former Superintendent of the Southwest Conference, has made every effort to find someone to fill Dr. Cornelius' place. Two men have been approached, but without result. A third seems to promise success provided the Home Board in New York, which still maintains financial control, responds favorably. The man in question is a physician and surgeon who has had charge of a much larger hospital in the Middle West, but who, being in his sixties, feels unable to cope with the press of work brought on by war conditions, and wishes a smaller institution. He will bring with him two nurses and a cook, who have worked with him for years, so that the hospital will start with its full complement of workers. The chief need is in equipment, for most of what was in the hospital was the personal property of Dr. Cornelius. Even an operating table is now lacking. The need for such assistance as our Federation has been able to give through our Thank Offering and other gifts is imperative. Let us see to it that we do not fail in this crisis.

Further news from the Federation must be deferred until the next issue

South Berkeley Reopens "Under New Management"

The opening of the South Berkeley Community Church announced in last month's *The Pacific* is now an established fact. The formal dedication and reopening took place on Sunday afternoon, October 24, with Dr. Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University as the guest speaker. About 200 persons were present for the opening of this new venture in Christian brotherhood. In addition to the many people from the community who attended there were present a large number of Bay-area ministers, social workers, educators, and others interested in this important Christian undertaking.

The program which is now underway is attempting to meet the needs of the total community. The plan is to include types of program that will meet all age groups. The church will be more than a "Sunday" church, but will be open week-nights for recreation, study groups, neighborhood clubs, and other activities as desired by the people in this area.

A door to door canvass was made of over a hundred homes (negro and white) in the neighborhood of the church. While it is impossible to give all of the statistics compiled in this survey, it is interesting to note that 83 per cent of those questioned favored the interracial aspect of the program.

The aim or purpose of the South Berkeley Community Church may be summed up in these words. "To serve, in so far as we may, the spiritual, social, and recreational needs and desires of the people, without regard to race or color."

The director of the project is Mr. Roy Nichols of Pacific School of Religion and the associate director is Mr. Robert K. Winters of the Starr King School for the Ministry. The Conference committee temporarily in charge until a local organization is formed is Rev. Robert Inglis, (chairman), Mrs. Laura Clark (secretary), Rev. Ernest W. Houlding, Mr. Rufus Kerlinger, Rev. Vere V. Loper, and Supt. Harley H. Gill.

DRAMA SUGGESTIONS

At a seminar on planning the post-war world, held in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., a former California minister, Rev. Harold S. Tuttle, emphasized the value of drama as education to build democratic values and the power to achieve a just and durable peace. The seminar unanimously adopted a resolution recommending that all churches make frequent use of drama to strengthen the ideals of brotherhood, in preparation for the critical days when democracy must be strong if peace is to be made permanent. Dr. Fred Eastman of Chicago Theological Seminary has prepared a list of short plays. A copy of this list will be sent to anyone desiring the same, by writing to the Conference office.

World Order Conference

A Christian Mission on World Order, representing the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Foreign Missions Conference, the Home Missions Council, and other inter-denominational agencies, is being held in a number of cities across the country. One such gathering is to be held in Northern California, and that will be in Sacramento at the First Methodist Church on Tuesday, November 16, beginning at 9:30 in the morning and continuing throughout the day and evening. The list of speakers will include Rev. Albert E. Day of Pasadena, Mr. Galen Fisher of Berkeley, Mr. Charles F. Boss of the Commission on World Peace of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Max Brauer, a refugee from Germany in this country.

OROVILLE. Repairs and redecoration of the building are going forward, giving the property an excellent appearance. The church joined in the Advance Convention sponsored by the Northern California Council of Churches. Pilgrim Guild is planning a Thank Offering tea for the second meeting in November. Rev. Frank E. Carlson is pastor.

GUERNEVILLE. A young people's society was started early in October, and has had an average attendance of 12. Eighteen boys under 14 years of age are now in the Boys' Club which offers a varied program of interest on Saturday afternoons. Mr. Henry Hayden, the pastor, is to serve as instructor of the Week-day Church School soon to begin on released time from the public school.

RENO, NEVADA. October 17 was celebrated as "Anniversary Sunday," marking the 18th anniversary of the coming of Rev. Wm. M. Case, the pastor.

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distribution which has been in effect was voted for the year 1944, namely, 54% for the Conference, including Ministers' Relief; 22% for the American Board; 21% for the Board of Home Missions; and 3% for the Council for Social Action; with the understanding that the Survey Committee might make adjustments in the last three items.

For the most part business sessions were used in hearing the reports of departments, officers, and committees.



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